
MALTON SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Celebration Evening

Thursday, 8 November saw Malton School students, parents and guests celebrate events and success from the 2006-07 school year in the 9th annual Celebration Evening Show.

As has become custom, the whole evening was presented by students – Head Boy and Girl **Amos Abrahams** and **Florence Spaven**, and their deputies **Tristan Bean** and **Rebecca Clifford**. News items from the year were presented by **Charlotte Wicks, Oliver Beal and Daniel Pratt** on the “newsdesk”. Musical interludes came from soloists **Robyn Harrison, James Pool, Ellen Bentley, Will Smith** and **Gavin Redshaw**. A dance routine was performed by **Jasmin Asquith, Emma Bean** and **Rebecca Clifford**.

Some of the main award winners:

The Davina Kirk Trophy: Anatita Marr

The House Trophy: James Poole

The Emma Howard Art Prize: Elis Bucher

Maths Challenge awards (3 age groups):

Ian Mason, James Baker, Russell Goddard

The Dave Pay Trophy (for Upper School Sport):

Samantha Clay and Matthew Leathley

The Bruce Rolls Trophy (for lower school sport)

Kimberley Douthwaite and Simon Reeves

CSLA Sports Trophy: Fay Chapman

The Music Trophy: Will Smith

A new award for **English** went to Bryony Goddard for excellence in writing.

Relatives of former headmaster Thomas Arthur Williams also attended and an oak plaque carved by Robert Thompson’s of Kilburn was presented in his honour. His grandson, David Williams, presented this year’s Science Prize to Y11 student **Emma Bean**. Mr T A Williams’ daughter Angela made the presentation of the plaque.

Awards were also made to over 150 students for their efforts in the previous year and the 300 guests showed their appreciation throughout the night.

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Sports Centre Decision This Week!

Ryedale District Council will decide, this Thursday, whether the proposed sports centre development in the school grounds will go ahead or not. Even at this late stage any influence that you can bring to bear on any of the councillors through personal contacts, phone calls, emails or letters could be crucial – the vote is likely to be very close. This is particularly important if you live in outlying villages. Some of the councillors don’t appreciate that there are students attending this school now from Sand Hutton in the South to Rosedale in the North and from Helmsley in the West to Thixendale in the East. Our students are part and parcel of the local community, representing clubs in a wide range of sports across the whole district. A positive decision on Thursday would benefit current and future generations of students and the local community for many years to come. If you can help by attending Ryedale House on Thursday 17th January at 6.00pm (in your sports/club kit if possible) that would be greatly appreciated.

Ryedale District Council website:

www.ryedale.gov.uk

This site has email addresses for all the councillors and even “blogs” for some of them. Please do what you can to make your views heard.

Parents’ Forum



An opportunity for all parents, carers and guardians to attend a general discussion regarding future changes to School Uniform

Thursday, 31 January at 6.30pm
West Wing Hall, Malton School

Christmas Activities

Christmas Concert

One of the best ever, with a massive 125 students involved, and over 270 guests in the audience. The real delight of the show was to see new young talent maturing and taking place of the excellent performers who left us last year. Clearly students are inspired by what they have seen in the past and want to build on the ever improving standards that are set each year. They did this in good measure this year.

The whole show was presented by Senior Students **Martin Blake, Sarah Smith** and **Rosie Spencer**, who held the show together and told the usual Christmas jokes – some of which even got a laugh!

There were instrumental solos from **Margaret Spencer, Dily Atkinson, James Poole, Charlotte Green**; vocal solos from **Ellen Bentley, Emmy Hickes, Jacob Hughes**, a duet from **Will Smith** and **Roisin Macmahon** (the last two accompanied by the Jazz Band), and duets and trios **Emily Stolting** and **Alex Tate-Smith, Sam Davies** and **Alex Lee, Emma Bean, Matthew Wilson** and **Florence Spaven**. Add to this Junior and Senior Choir, Orchestra, Samba group, a blues band, a rock band, a brass band, and two dance groups (who proved extremely popular with the audience – one girls, and one boys!) and you have a superb musical evening.

As if that was not enough, we then added the now traditional mini-pantomime – this year the Sixth Form presenting their version of Snow White and the Six Dwarves and a banana. **Robyn Harrison** was Snow White, and the story was narrated by **Bryony Goddard** and **Will Smith**.

Well done to all who took part. A thoroughly enjoyable evening. We now look forward to *Beatles Night* at the end of this term.

Christmas Party

Our annual party for senior citizens took place on the last Thursday afternoon of term, with our guests being entertained with a selection of acts

from the previous night's concert, as well as food and drink prepared by students in the Food Technology department. We are grateful for all the gifts sent in which allowed to prepare Christmas hampers for everyone, and the time given by staff, students, Perry's Bus Company and out other sponsors.

History of Malton School

A note from Deputy Head, Mr Fearnley

Over the Christmas holiday I have renewed my work on a book charting the History of Malton School, from 1546 to the present day. It runs to about 160 pages, with photos and documents telling the story of the school in all its forms. I am currently finishing Mr Gresswell's chapter, (1971-89) and with just one chapter to go, I hope to see the book published this year.

I would be very interested to receive any memories from readers who attended any Malton School in the past – County Modern, Grammar, or National School. In particular I would be delighted to receive or borrow any photos not already on the Maltonians website (at www.maltonschool.org – follow the Maltonians link). For example I note from minutes I have found that official school photos were taken in 1983-4, yet we have none in school. There must be others from other years. And does anyone have any copies of *The New Maltonian?* (1982-4) Issues 1 and 5 are missing from our archive. E-mail contact is much preferred – but letters, telephone and visits in person would also be welcome.

House Competition

The House Trophy has been awarded at the end of each calendar year since 2000. The final results for 2007 were:

1 st	Water	17,382 points
2 nd	Air	16,990 points
3 rd	Fire	16,832 points
4 th	Earth	16,181 points



Well done Water, winners for the second year in a row. Each house has now won the trophy twice since its creation in 2000.

Trips and Activities

Senior Mathematics Challenge, November 2007

Congratulations to 6th formers James Baker and Daniel Pratt who achieved gold awards and to Richard Calvert, Matthew Pape, Rachel Burnett, Emma Marsden and Simon Gaskell who achieved silver awards in this national competition. Look out for results for the Intermediate and Junior Challenges later this year.

To the Reskue!

Thursday 13th December saw the world premiere of the 3rd of our annual film collaborations with Ryedale Folk Museum. Entitled "The Reskue", the film chronicled the ill-fated voyage of the Esk, captained by William Scoresby Jnr, in 1816 in a News 24 style production. Along the way students combined the current debate over whaling with an appreciation of the historical context of Scoresby's day. This collaboration, following up the previous successes of "Ryedale: This Countryside at War" and "Heather and Maple", is a shining example of multi-agency working – linking the museum service, with universities, private companies, primary schools and our secondary school. The Sixth Form historians involved have experienced the chance to learn and acquire new skills and understanding whilst having fun on a thoroughly enjoyable long-term project that is not driven by an exam board outcome. Thanks go to all the staff involved behind the scenes in making it such a successful premiere and especially to Mrs Dore, Head of History, for her considerable input throughout the project.

Remembrance Day

The school was very well represented by students, staff and governors at the Remembrance Day service at the War Memorial on Yorkersgate. Students from the school were participating in the ranks of the cadets, the scouts and the guides. **Rebecca Clifford**, Deputy Head Girl, laid a wreath on behalf of the students, staff and governors of the school.

History Film Project 2008

Linking the two articles above, the 4th film in the collaboration with Ryedale Folk Museum will focus on the people of Ryedale in the First World War. Filming will take place in Ryedale and in France and Belgium during the History Department's first Yr10 Battlefields tour at the end of April. This year therefore it will allow some of our Year 10 students as well as some of our Year 12 students to be involved.

Help! If you have any stories, photographs, newspaper cuttings, army records, medals or other information about any relative or friend from Ryedale who fought in the First World War, I would be most grateful if you could let me know so that we might be able to include it in the forthcoming film.

Mr Williams

Rotary Young Chef Competition

On Wednesday 28 November, Malton School hosted the local heat of a national competition to find the Rotary Young Chef of the Year. Students from Lady's Lumleys, Norton College, Ryedale School and Malton School were invited to enter. The response and enthusiasm for the competition from Malton School students was excellent, so much so that students had to submit written entries for their chosen menu before being able to bag a place in the cook-off. Successful entrants were Roxanna Khan Williams, Emily Woollin, Alex Tate-Smith, Zoe Spink, Aya Abrahams, Emily Cotton and Michael Mason. The challenge was to prepare, cook and serve a healthy, two course meal for two people in 1½ hrs. All students performed to a very high standard with Tom Souter from Ryedale School winning through to the next round in Harrogate. Roxanna Khan-Williams, the youngest contestant, achieved a fantastic result as runner-up receiving high praise from judge, Andrew Barton of the Black Swan in Helmsley.

With so much interest in this competition the Food Technology department will be running its own Young Chef Competition in the Spring Term.

7A and 7E Bring and Buy Sale

On 7 and 14 December, 7A and 7E combined forces for a 'Bring and Buy Sale' during break. A range of pupils from years 7-11 came and bought items donated by other students. In total £144.59 was raised which was used to purchase useful utensils and equipment from Oxfam, to be sent to families and villages in poverty.

Jemima Myers 7A

7W Charity Appeal

With the help of parents and friends, students in 7W have filled 25 shoe boxes for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. This is a year-round appeal with boxes distributed across Eastern Europe. As a form they continue to collect loose change for WaterAid and have so far this year collected over £50. Well done.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The School has recently started a new Duke of Edinburgh Award Group. We have currently recruited over 40 new members into the Bronze level of the award and they have been busy selecting their Service, Skills and Physical Recreation activities. In the coming months they will be preparing for their two day expedition in the summer. The Award is non-competitive and open to anyone over the age of 14. A special thank you must go to Miss England and Mrs Wilford for their help in delivering the Award.

Mr T Richardson

BTEC Travel & Tourism

Ms Lester and the Y12 BTEC Travel and Tourism group would like to thank Ryedale Travel, Malton Tourist Information Centre and the Inn Travel for their help and support during the first term of this new course. Students have visited the premises of all three organisations and have benefitted from staff sharing their knowledge and experiences of the industry.

We look forward to developing further links with these and other local organisations in the future.

Police Station Visit

In November, all Year 8 students were split into groups to visit Malton Police Station. There were many activities, including a police dog demonstration, a talk with a Magistrate about crime, and a look around the cells. We were also able to look in the CCTV room where we saw camera footage of one of our group being "arrested" in Woolworths, Malton. We were then able to see the "offender" being brought to the Station. The trip was fun and educational and we learnt about police, crimes and court.

Hannah Mitcheson (Year 8)

Junk to Artwork



There is always a shortage of materials within the Art Department, who are anxious to turn your recycling materials into all manner of wondrous and creative artefacts. Currently, we would like newspaper, magazines, old calendars, wrapping paper, cereal boxes, egg cartons, wallpaper, fabric, half-used tins of emulsion or gloss paint (any colour). We will also gladly recycle any unwanted arts and crafts materials. Also, any interesting objects – candlesticks, glasses, mirrors, shells, dried fake flowers, unwanted Christmas gifts – all will be made welcome on our shelves.

Art Department

Sports News

Tennis

In the Senior Tennis League the mixed team have had a successful first round. The team have gone on to beat Ampleforth College, Scarborough Sixth Form College and last year's group winners Pocklington School. The team are now through to the regional knock-out stage which will take place in February. If they are successful in this, the team could then go on to the National Finals at Bolton Areana in March.

Well done to the following students who have contributed to the team's success: **Fay Chapman, Emma Marsden, Fiona Marsden, Jack Thackray, Gareth Webb and Danny Alasfar.**

Malton Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday, 29 January 2008

7.00 – 9.00 pm at the West Wing Hall,
Malton School

An opportunity for parents and students to find out information and to meet the teachers who deliver Advanced level courses, in the classrooms and facilities we use. There will be a brochure available in each subject area which gives advice on preparation for A level study, career options, and successes, and will contain comments from previous students who have completed the course. Examples of work will be on display and you can also talk to some of our current students.

Wanted: Invigilators

If anyone is interested in some part-time temporary work acting as an invigilator (a supervisor) for some school examinations, please contact Mr John Wallen, Examinations Officer, on 01653 605359 for further details or simply a chat about what is involved.

Snow and School Closure

All information about school closure for bad weather is passed to BBC Radio York and to Minster FM. PLEASE listen to the radio and PLEASE do not phone school to see if we are open or about to close. When the weather is bad we need to keep our phone lines clear for contacting school transport and helping individual students who might have difficulty getting home. Thank you.

Decisions on closure are taken on best advice available from the weather forecasts and the state of roads locally. Closure will be very rare and only carried out when it would be a clear health and safety risk to remain open.

A brief timeline from *The History of Malton School*

- 1547 Archbishop Holgate founds three Grammar Schools – in Hemsworth, York and Malton, at the end of Henry VIII's reign. This Malton School was in the grounds of Old Malton Priory (now St Mary's Church).
- 1911 Malton Grammar School is built on Middlecave Road – the original building is part of what is now East Wing. The Headmaster is Ernest Loraine Watt.
- 1937 Mr Thomas Arthur Williams, "TAW" , takes over as Headmaster of MGS
- 1951 Mr Philip Taylor becomes Headmaster.
- 1959 Malton County Modern is built on Middlecave Road – what in now West Wing. Also an extension is built on the Grammar School – now the "forties" corridor and Science rooms. Students and staff from Malton National School (on St Michael's Street) and other local schools join the new intake. Mr George Hanson is appointed as Headmaster.
- 1971 The two Middlecave Road schools merge to become Malton School. Mr Taylor is head, but falls ill; he dies in October 1971. Newly appointed deputy Mr John Gresswell takes over as Head.
- 1989 Mr David Roberts takes over as Head on Mr Gresswell's retirement.
- 2004 Malton School achieves Specialist Science status. A new Science block is built at East Wing.
- 2006 Mr Robert Williams takes over as Headmaster on the retirement of David Roberts
- 2008 *A Community Sports and Leisure Centre is built on the school grounds. (It would be nice to finish this way, wouldn't it!)*

SPRING TERM 2008

January

M	07		School closed Staff training day
T	08	09.00	Spring Term commences (Wk 1)
W	09		Y13 AS/A2 modules begin
T	15		Y10 GCSE Sc exam
F	18		Y10 GCSE Sc exam
T	22		Y9 SAT mocks
W	23	18.30	Y9 Vocational Options Evening
Th	24		Y10 Assessments home
T	29	19.00	Malton 6th form Open Day Y11 Reports home
Th	31	18.30	Intermediate Maths Challenge Parents Forum

February

W	06		Y10 Parents Evening
F	08		Last day of half-term
M	18	09.00	First day of term (Wk 2) Y12 exams
M	25		Y9 Options Evening
Th	28		Y8 Interim Assessments home

March

M	03		Y13 exams GCSE Ma module
T	04	17.00	Y11 Parents Evening
W	05		Y11 GCSE Sc exam
F	07		Y9 reports home
S	08		Ski trip departs
W	12	17.00	Y9 Parents Evening
W	19	19.30	Y12 reports home Easter Concert
Th	20	19.30	Y13 reports home Easter Concert
F	21		Last day of term Bank holiday

April

M	07	09.00	Summer term commences (Wk 1)
T	15	17.00	Y13 Reports home Y8 Parents Evening
W	16		Y10 Geography field trip
Th	17		Y10 Geography field trip Junior Maths Challenge
W	30		Y10 History Trip (Wed-Fri) Post 18 Information Evening

May

M	05		Bank holiday – school closed
T	06		Y9 SATs and exams begin
M	12		Y10 Work Experience Y7 assessment period Y12/13 AS/A2 modules begin
T	13		Y9 exams end Last day Y12 timetable
F	16		Y8 examinations begin

M	19		Last day Y13 timetable Y10 Work Experience Y8 examinations
Th	22		Last day Y11 timetable

June

M	02		A2 exams begin
Th	05		Y10 GCSE Science exam
W	11		Y10 GCSE Science exam
Th	12		Y10 GCSE Science exam Norton Y10 Science Evening
M	16		Y10 GCSE Science and Maths exams Y9 Camping Week Y12 Geography Trip Y12 History Trip
W	18		Y10 GCSE Science exam
M	23		Y12 restart timetable
T	24		Y11 GCSE Science exam
W	25		Y11 GCSE Maths exam
F	26		Y13 AS/AS modules end
M	30		Y13 Clearance

July

T	01		Y6 Induction Day 1
W	02		Y6 Induction Day 2 Y8 Reports home
Th	03		Y6 Information Evening
Th	10		Y7 Assessments home
F	11		W2W Expedition (2 days)
M	14		Y9-10 House Matches
T	15		Y7-8 House Matches Y9 Assessments home Y10 Reports home
W	16		Sports Day 1
Th	17		Sports Day 2 (reserve)
F	18		Tennis Finals
		15.35	End of term
M	21		School closed – staff training
T	22		School closed – staff training

(summer half-term)???